

AMEDD Civilian Corps Chief Msg #39-----Congrats and Training Info for All (29 July 2013)

Afternoon All!

A quick note with some congratulations and some opportunities. First the congratulations....

- WOLF PACK WINNER (4TH QUARTER)

Congratulations to the folks in the Physical Therapy Clinic at Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, GA, for winning the 4th (and final for FY 13) quarter edition of the Army Medicine Wolf Pack Award. They did a great job of reclaiming work that had been going out on the network and will result in annual savings of over \$1.5 million for their operation alone. Not only did the folks recapture work but also improved productivity to increase the value of the work done inside the facility. They will now compete with the other three quarterly winners (EACH, Fort Carson, CO; BACH, Fort Wainwright, AK; and NRMC, Fort Belvoir, VA) for the Annual Wolf Pack Award. So, congratulations to the Physical Therapy Team at Fort Stewart! I'd call that a great win for Winn!!

And now for the opportunities....

- CIVILIAN CORPS DCO TRAINING (SUMMER SERIES--Yep, more to come!)

We are hosting a summer series of Defense Connect Online (DCO) Training sessions as a way to provide training opportunities for a larger audience in our Corps. If you're not familiar with DCO, it's a capability that allows you to view and participate in different types of communication right at your computer.

We believe DCOs offer the capability to share some information in more ways than VTCs and teleconferences alone - for example, demonstrations of websites using live demos, screen shot presentations, and sharing files and web links. Our first presentation is designed to help you become familiar with using DCO so you can join in future sessions on various topics.

We'll conduct these 30-45 minute DCOs one week at a time, at different times and on different days of the week for maximum participation across most time zones. (If you are in Korea or Japan, please contact us to schedule a special session for your time zone). We'll also record the sessions and post videos of the sessions on our Civilian Corps website in case you are not able to join a live session.

So, the first step is to check to be sure your computer has the capability. I believe most in the MEDCOM have it already. To prepare for the "DCO on DCO," I encourage you to download the helpful information and Quick Start Reference Guide to DCO from the Civilian Corps website under "What's New." They will tell you how to test your system and set up audio for DCOs. You'll also see links to read ahead materials for the each DCO topic. The DCO link for these sessions is <https://connectcol.dco.dod.mil/ameddciviliancorps>.

The first sessions will also include a telephone audio connection as well as the DCO audio connection capability just to insure you have audio for the session. The telephone number to access the audio support is Commercial 210-249-4234, (DSN 421-3272), (312) for Overseas DSN. The conference access code 99599#.

Please check the schedule below and mark your calendar to join us in these sessions! Also, please note that all times listed are Central Daylight Time CDT. Remember, you only need to join one session for each topic--unless you just want the practice.. The presentations will be the same. As we said, the first topic covers a "how to" for DCO.

Topic #1: DCO (Defense Connect Online)

NOTE: We will conduct a prep session on DCO Audio Set-Up Wizard 15 minutes before the start time of each session:

- Tues, 20 August, 0900-0945 CDT
- Tues, 20 August, 1300-1345 CDT
- Wed, 21 August, 0930-1015 CDT
- Thurs, 22 August, 1200-1245 CDT
- Thurs, 22 August, 1500-1545 CDT

The second topic will be of interest for lots of reasons, to both you and your supervisors so INVITE A GUEST! First, as we've discussed many times, your individual development plan (IDP) is important to you personally for your own development. In addition, use of the IDP is a MEDCOM requirement and an inspectable item for the MEDCOM organizational inspection program (OIP). Finally, there is a move afoot to make use of the IDP an item for which an organization can be reimbursed in its annual budget. You'll want to be part of the success in that regard for your Team. So our second topic is:

Topic #2: Individual Development Plans in Army Career Tracker (IDPs in ACT)

- Mon, 26 August, 1130-1215 CDT
- Tues, 27 August, 1300-1345 CDT
- Tues, 27 August, 1500-1545 CDT
- Wed, 28 August, 0800-0845 CDT
- Wed, 28 August, 1500-1545 CDT
- Thurs, 29 August, 0800-0845 CDT
- Thurs, 29 August, 1300-1345 CDT

Third topic in our series is one on which we get a constant flow of questions. It's great that you ask so we thought, "Why not put the info out for all our folks?!!" So, the third topic will be:

Topic #3: Civilian Education System (CES) Registration

- Tues, 10 September, 0800-0845 CDT
- Tues, 10 September, 1300-1345 CDT
- Wed, 11 September, 0930-1015 CDT
- Wed, 11 September, 1400-1445 CDT
- Thurs, 12 September, 1200-1245 CDT
- Thurs, 12 September, 1500-1545 CDT

Please help us out. We're always looking for ways to get information and training out to you. Let us know about other topics that might be of interest to you and we'll see what we can do to make it happen.

• THE ARMY PROFESSION

This is really just a heads up to let you know that in future messages you will see much more about this topic. I'm thrilled that DA has broken the Army Profession down into two key Communities of Practice (CoP), the Profession of Arms and the Army Civilian Corps. It's great to have our civilians specifically recognized. We'll talk more about these CoPs and the other key components of the Profession in the near future, so stay tuned, OK? If you are interested in more information you can find a copy of Army Reference Doctrine Publication (ADRP) 1 at <https://armypubs.us.army.mil/doctrine/index.html>. Go to the bottom of the page and click on "ADRP" in Product Types. This document will be at the top of that list.

Promised a short message so I'll call it a day for this one with the one thing we always talk about last but is really first, SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY!! Summer is a little past half gone but the safety issues remain. Heat injury, water and boating accidents, other outdoor sports injuries, along with many others, remain. In fact, in some ways they're even more important now as we try to squeeze the last bit of fun out of our time before school starts again. So please continue to pay close attention to safety for your own welfare and that of your family. Every time you do that you make a major contribution to our Army Medical Team because no team is complete without all its players.

All the best to you and yours. Back with you again soon.

Sincerely,

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